

[Henrietta Pendleton]

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Henrietta Pendleton, Saleswoman

Newton, N.C.

Ethel Deal, Writer.

Dudley W. Crawford, Reviser

Original Names Changed Names

Henrietta Pendleton Carol Phillips

Smithy's Department Store Sloan's Dept. Store

Catawba County Cook County

Newton Bakerton

Hewitt Motor Co., Howe Motor Co.,

John Pendleton George Phillips C9- 1/22/41 - N.C.

"I work at Sloan's, in the dry goods department. Sloan's store has two floors, dry goods above and groceries in the basement, and he treats his employes fine. The store opens at eight in the morning and closes at six, that is except Saturday when we work till nine.

" The There is a lunch room in the basement. I usually go down at twelve and help the girls serve lunch if we are not too busy upstairs. By doing this I get my own lunch free.

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"I'm twenty three years old and have been married eight years. I was born in Cook County, and have always lived in Bakerton. My mother died when I was three years old. My father works for the Howe Motor Co., sells cars. Mother died from childbirth leaving six children. Father married about two years later.

"My stepmother was young and good looking. In a way she treated us well. I don't suppose any woman can have the same feeling for another's children as she would for her own. I've always been thankful no children was born of this second marriage.

"I don't have to work. What my husband earns in the laundry business is sufficient to keep us up. My ten dollars a week at the store I use for what I want. My father-in-law has a lot of property. George is his only child, but the property don't belong to us, we work for our living. We are paying for our 2 house through the building and loan. My ten dollars helps to buy a lot of little things I might have to do without. For instance I have a girl six years and one four, and I can get them a new dress or pair of shoes whenever I like.

"When I married I was not through the eighth grade. I got married, went on to school and finished my grade, George wanted me to do this. I'm sure I married too young, but I don't regret it, we are very happy and getting along fine. George drinks occasionally not enough to worry about. The funniest thing happened a short time ago, it was on Saturday night. George went to North Bakerton with some of the boys and got drunk. The police locked him up. It was the first time he had ever been in jail. He swore the rats run over his feet so much he had to stand up all night.

"I wish I had more education, but we were so crazy to get married that education didn't count. We own our car and hope to own our home. I'd rather do without a car than a home. Our home is very modern and up-to-date. Of course, we have lights, bath and heat.

"George's salary has to be right good to keep up our home. We go to the show once or twice a week. We are baseball fans and take in the ball games.

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"My folks are Lutherans. George is a Methodist. The Phillips wouldn't want George to change. You know how strong minded the Lutherans can be. Some of them think its impossible to change and be right. I'm not like that I feel like I can be as good in one church as another, for that reason I've never joined any. I'm going to let the matter rest for awhile, and see how it turns out. Before I'll let it ruin our lives I'll stay out of the church altogether. I've only got two children I don't want any more.

"I want to be able to educate the ones I have. I think it is very wrong to bring children in the world and not provide for them properly. I'm going to teach my children to work and give them a good education. Then if they marry a man who won't provide for them, they can leave him and make their own way. I don't believe in divorce, I think it is cheap anyway you put it; but if George wouldn't treat me right and go running around with another woman I expect I'd get one.

"George is a Democrat. I've never voted. I don't object to women voting if they want too; the trouble is they don't half of them know what they are voting for. I think they should be better informed before they do it, men too for that matter. To my way of thinking its too much ignorance goes to the polls on election day.

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"I'm trying to improve my education by reading good literature. There is no excuse these days for people to be ignorant, or with a limited education. The libraries furnish you with most anything you want for entertainment, magazines of every description and books that teach you what you want to know. Helplessness is another name for laziness. Some of the great men in history didn't have the chance that so many people are throwing aside.

"Its twelve o'clock I must go down stairs and help the girls serve lunch. I like that better than anything else, the work up here is hard but its a lot of fun seeing people eat.

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“You can say that I don't nag my husband and we don't fuss and fight and that we are still in love.”